

June 11, 1861.

Hearing nothing from Mr. Stearns (on the matter of the Circumstances of John Brown's family) I have written to him a second time. I think you had better wait a little, to get what he may yet send; - I think he will send something, & that it will be worth waiting for. - I hope you will get, direct from Dr. Fumes, something. - When you write, you will much oblige me by telling me how large a book you think of making, in what style you design to print it, and what will probably be the price of the book.

Phillips suggested that it would be well to have at least some copies ⁱⁿ a cheaper cover (something like Routledge's books, or like Wm. Crafts' "Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom" - which is neat, tasteful, & attractive,) and I thought the idea a good one.

Here is an old receipt, - for Dr. Palmer's 3 mos. "Zion's Herald" - which I may as well send to you.

Also, when you write, please tell me where Mary Estlin is now & where she expects to pass the summer. I wish very much to write to her, & to know where a letter will probably find her. - I have heard nothing about Sarah Remond for a long time. - Comparing my health with what it was in June a year ago, I feel quite sure I have more strength, and may call myself

better, - but I yet am much dependent
on occasional ^{tonic & other} medicines; an unnatural
resort, which of course leaves it more or less
doubtful how far one's strength is real or
only artificial: - My little Bessie (11 yrs. old)
said yesterday, - as I spoke to them of the
letter I had had from John Sparrow, -
"Don't you think, Mother, Mr. Webb will
sometimes come here? - I wish he would."
A good number wish that. I fancy a
change of the sort would quite renovate
you, and I know it would give a deal of
pleasure to many persons here. The
later Steamer lines - from Galway, and from
Liverpool to Quebec, - I believe (I know indeed)
carry passengers very comfortably and for a
good deal less than the Comair line.

S. M. Jr.